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WASHINGTON, March 30, 1982 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 753 in February, compared with 815 in January and 2,069 in February 1981, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

New cars ordered so far this year totaled 1,568, compared with 4,516 for the first two months of last year.

Cars placed in service in February totaled 1,886, compared with 2,105 in January and 4,859 in February 1981. The two-month total of deliveries this year is 3,991, compared with 10,230 at the same time last year.

As of March 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered was 14,152, compared with 15,525 on February 1, and 45,236 on March 1, 1981. Average backlog so far in 1982 is 14,838, compared with 46,976 at the same point a year ago.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 80 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in February, compared with 14 in January and 67 in February 1981.

As of March 1 of this year, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,683, compared with 28,167 on March 1 a year ago and 27,651 on February 1 of this year.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of March 1 was 219, compared with 234 on February 1 and 471 on March 1, 1981.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

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DELIVERED

	February		January	Two Months	
	1982	1981	1982	1982	1981
Built New by Car Builders	1,526	4,401	1,833	3,359	9,465
Built New in R.R. Shops	236	308	162	398	580
Built New - Total	1,762	4,709	1,995	3,757	10,045
Rebuilt	124	150	110	234	185
TOTAL DELIVERED	1,886	4,859	2,105	3,991	10,230
Locomotives	80	67	14	94	96

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	753	2,069	815	1,568	4,216
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	753	2,069	815	1,568	4,216
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	300
TOTAL ORDERED	753	2,069	815	1,568	4,516

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	March 1		February 1	Average	
	1982	1981	1982	1982	1981
To be built New by Car Builders	12,218	41,197	13,231	12,724	42,708
To be built New in R.R. Shops	1,268	3,924	1,504	1,386	4,078
To be built New - Total	13,486	45,121	14,735	14,110	46,786
To be rebuilt	666	115	790	728	190
TOTAL ON ORDER	14,152*	45,236	15,525	14,838	46,976
Locomotives	219	471	234	227	498

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the March 1, 1982, backlog has been reduced by 240 cars.

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WASHINGTON, April 26, 1982 -- Orders for new freight cars, while still remaining modest, nearly doubled in March compared with February of this year, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

March orders totaled 1,485, compared with 753 in February and 1,859 in March a year ago. Orders through the first three months of this year totaled 3,053 cars, compared with 6,465 cars for the same period a year ago.

Cars placed in service in March totaled 2,395, compared with 1,886 in February and 5,298 in March 1981. Through the first three months of 1982, deliveries came to 6,386, compared with 15,528 in the first quarter of last year.

As of April 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered was 13,117, compared with 14,152 on March 1 and 41,818 on April 1, 1981. The average backlog so far this year is 14,265, compared with 45,257 at the comparable time last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 34 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in March, compared with 80 in February and 92 in March of last year.

As of April 1 of this year, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,632, compared with 27,999 on April 1, 1981 and 27,683 on March 1 of this year.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of April 1 was 185, compared with 219 on March 1 and 411 on April 1, 1981.

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DELIVERED

	March		February	Three Months	
	1982	1981	1982	1982	1981
Built New by Car Builders	2,032	4,718	1,526	5,391	14,183
Built New in R.R. Shops	215	444	236	613	1,024
Built New - Total	2,247	5,162	1,762	6,004	15,207
Rebuilt	148	136	124	382	321
TOTAL DELIVERED	2,395	5,298	1,886	6,386	15,528
Locomotives	34	92	80	128	188

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,485	1,559	753	3,053	5,865
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	1,485	1,559	753	3,053	5,865
To be rebuilt	0	300	0	0	600
TOTAL ORDERED	1,485	1,859	753	3,053	6,465

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	April 1		March 1	Average	
	1982	1981	1982	1982	1981
To be built New by Car Builders	11,546	38,059	12,218	12,332	41,158
To be built New in R.R. Shops	1,053	3,480	1,268	1,275	3,879
To be built New - Total	12,599	41,539	13,486	13,607	45,037
To be rebuilt	518	279	666	658	220
TOTAL ON ORDER	13,117*	41,818	14,152	14,265	45,257
Locomotives	185	411	219	212	468

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the April 1, 1982, backlog has been reduced by 125 cars.

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